

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Eau Claire County Board Room

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council Vice President/Acting President Werthmann called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Council Members Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Strobel, Terry Weld, Andrew Werthmann and Michael Xiong. Council Members absent: Kate Beaton.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, August 14, 2018:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the July 24, 2018 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing the Special Olympics Wisconsin to conduct the Buckshot Run - Tuesday on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at Carson Park and along city trails and sidewalks.
- Authorizing the Special Olympics Wisconsin to conduct the Buckshot Run - Saturday on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at Carson Park and along city trails and sidewalks.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2018-2020 licensing period.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Hobbsy LTD, d/b/a Hobbsy & Me, 3620 Locust Lane, to include a fenced in area for a one day Frogtober Fest concert, October 6, 2018.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Hobbsy LTD, d/b/a Hobbsy & Me, 3620 Locust Lane, to include a fenced in area for a one day Western Wisconsin Tailgate Grilling Contest, September 15, 2018.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Special Olympics Wisconsin Indianhead Region, Paul Barriel, President, for September 1, 2018 in the area between Oak and Pine Pavilions at Carson Park for the Leader-Telegram 5 & 2 mile and kids dash Buckshot Run for Special Olympics.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Special Olympics Wisconsin Indianhead Region, Paul Barriel, President, for August 28, 2018 in the area between Oak and Pine Pavilions at Carson Park for the Leader-Telegram 2 mile & run/walk Buckshot Run for Special Olympics.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license and Temporary Class B Wine license to Chippewa Valley Museum, Pieter Graaskamp, President, on August 22, 2018, at 1204 East Half Moon Drive, for a Local Trivia Night event.
- Granting a Class A Fermented Malt Beverage license to Mills Fleet Farm Group, LLC, d/b/a Fleet Farm Fuel, 3150 Old Town Hall Road, Christopher Nedland, agent.

- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Mills Fleet Farm Group, LLC, d/b/a Fleet Farm, 3165 Old Town Hall Rd., Christopher Nedland, agent.
- Granting a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license, to ROC Food Services, LLC, d/b/a Five O’Clock Club, 2240 Fenwick Avenue, Suzanne Chopper, agent.
- Granting a temporary expansion of the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class B Cabaret licensed premise of Bear Creek Grill, Inc., d/b/a Grizzly’s Wood-Fired Grill & Steaks, 4890 Golf Road, for a Pig Roast event, August 23, 2018.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Intoxicating Liquor (Cider only) license of Cenergy, LLC., d/b/a Mega Holiday #3710, 4304 Jeffers Road, from Chris H. Toft to Nicholas D. Anderson be approved.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Police Department to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula program funds from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Accepting a strip of land located South of County Line Road and West of Jeffers Road.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Beaton entered Council Chambers.

FESTIVAL IN THE PINES

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing Festival in the Pines, Inc. to conduct Festival in the Pines on Saturday and Sunday, August 25-26, 2018, in Carson Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine licenses to Wisconsin Indian Head Country, Ruth Skele, President, on August 25 and August 26, 2018, at Carson Park, for Festival in the Pines. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANT

The City Council considered a substitute resolution accepting a Hometown Health Grant from Mayo Clinic Health System for the Active Aging Fitness Amenities at McDonough Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the substitute resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

INITIAL RESOLUTIONS – 2018 BOND SALES

The City Council considered eight Initial Resolutions authorizing 2018 Series A of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin not to exceed \$14,700,000 aggregate principal amount.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$675,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of water systems improvements.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$795,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of storm water sewer improvements.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$880,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair, and replacement of fire stations, trucks and equipment.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,225,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of bridge improvements.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$5,065,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of streets and street improvements (including lighting, signage, curbs, and gutters) and street lighting.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Strobel “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,295,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of community development projects in tax increment financing districts.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$235,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of parks and public grounds, including ice arena improvements.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$2,530,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding municipal obligations of the City and interest thereon.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$6,515,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and improvement of improvements to public lands and buildings, including City Hall and City libraries in the City, and streets and street improvements (including lighting, signage, curbs and gutters) and street lighting in the City, and for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding municipal obligations of the City and the interest thereon. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered four Initial Resolutions authorizing 2018 Series C of Taxable General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin not to exceed \$7,270,000 aggregate principal amount.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$145,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of parks and public grounds, including baseball stadium improvements .” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$5,390,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding municipal obligations of the City and interest thereon.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$980,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and improvement of parking facilities.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$755,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin for the purpose of financing redevelopment and urban renewal programs and projects.” Said motion was approved by unanimous vote.

INDEPENDENCE PARK 8TH ADDITION

The City Council considered a resolution postponed from the July 24, 2018 Council meeting approving the final plat for Independence Park 8th Addition located north of LaSalle Street between Gooder Street and East Princeton Avenue (File P-5-18). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution postponed from the July 24, 2018 Council meeting authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with Haselwander Brothers, Inc. for storm water improvements within the plat of Independence Park 8th Addition. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Strobel “to adopt the resolution” with substitute development agreement. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Beaton left Council Chambers.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a Final Resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Country Club Lane, Altoona Avenue west to the Cul-de-Sac (18-103). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Strobel, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong. Absent: Council Member Beaton.

SIDEWALK REPAIR

Council Member Emmanuelle abstained and exited Council Chambers.

The City Council considered a resolution ordering the repair of sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 38 locations beginning with 1219 State Street, Parcel No. 03-0149. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Gragert, Strobel, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong. Abstained: Council Member Emmanuelle. Absent: Council Member Beaton.

APPOINTMENTS

Council Members Emmanuelle and Beaton entered Council Chambers.

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution appointing Council Members to various Boards and Commissions. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.”

Council Member Beaton nominated herself to fill the vacancy on the Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. Board of Directors.

Council Member Gragert nominated himself to fill the vacancy on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Council.

Council Member Emmanuelle nominated herself to fill the vacancy on the Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. Board of Directors.

The Council voted on the nomination of Council Member Gragert to fill the vacancy on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Council. Said nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Council voted by a show of hands to fill the vacancy on the Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. Board of Directors.

Council Member Emmanuelle received 5 votes.

Council Member Beaton received 5 votes.

Council Members cast a second ballot.

Council Member Emmanuelle received 5 votes.

Council Member Beaton received 5 votes.

Council Member Beaton withdrew her name for consideration.

Council Members approved nomination of Council Member Emmanuelle via unanimous voice vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with the approved nominations. Said motion passed by unanimous consent.

ZONING

The City Council considered an ordinance postponed from the July 24, 2018 Council meeting rezoning property on the northeast corner of LaSalle Street and Gooder Street from P to R-1 (File Z-1629-18). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SPEED LIMITS

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table I of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Speed Limits,” by changing the speed limit on Harding Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING

Council Member Weld requested to split the ordinance and consider the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood restrictions separately from the Briggs Avenue restrictions. No objection was voiced.

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table IX of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Parking During Specified Hours,” by amending time restrictions in the Historic Randall Park Neighborhood. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance amending Table IX of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled “Parking During Specified Hours,” by amending time restrictions on Briggs Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Strobel and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to postpone” to the October 22 & 23, 2018 Council Meetings. Said motion to postpone passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 3145 N. Hastings Way from R-1 and R-3 to R-2 (File Z-1632-18).

ANNEXATION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance in accordance with Section 66.0217 Wisconsin Statutes, annexing to the City of Eau Claire and particularly to the 14th Assessment Ward, 4th Aldermanic District, being a part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 10-27-10, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 18-2A (Mogenssen Petition).

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council held a discussion on building relations between staff and Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Weld “that this meeting does now adjourn without objection.” Said motion passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: August 14, 2018

Time: 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrew F. Werthmann
Vice President/Acting President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk